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SUBJECT: FURTHER CW CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES

1. FOLLOWING SPECIAL POLADS MEETING ON CW JULY 1, FRG REP HAUBER SUGGESTED TO FLOWERREE OF ACDA THAT TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIONS (US, FRG AND UK) ON CW BE HELD IN LONDON IN AUGUST PRIOR TO BILATERAL US-SOVIET TALKS ENVISAGED FOR LATE AUGUST. HAUBER ALSO BROACHED POSSIBILITY OF INVITING FRENCH TO JOIN LONDON TALKS. (DURING POLADS MEETING, GERMAN DELEGATION URGED CLOSE ALLIED CONSULTATIONS AS US-SOVIET TALKS PROGRESSED, ARGUING THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SUPPLEMENT US BRIEFINGS OF WESTERN GROUP IN GENEVA WITH SESSIONS IN BRUSSELS.) HOWEVER, HAUBER SAID PRIVATELY THAT "REAL" CONSULTATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO FOUR MAJOR ALLIED POWERS WITH GREATEST INTEREST IN CW AND THAT LONDON WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE VENUE SO AS NOT TO ATTRACT ATTENTION.

2. FLOWERREE SAID BOTH IN POLADS MEETING AND IN CONVERSATION WITH HAUBER THAT US WAS NOT IN POSITION TO MAKE
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COMMITMENT TO FORMAL SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATIONS, ALTHOUGH HE WOULD KEEP ALLIES INFORMED OF PROGRESS OF TALKS WITH SOVIETS THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS. HE TOLD HAUBER, HOWEVER, THAT HE WOULD SEEK WASHINGTON REACTION TO SUGGESTION FOR AUGUST TRILATERAL OR QUADRILATERAL CONSULTATIONS. LATER, BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED HE TOO HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY HAUBER AND HAD REPLIED THAT HE THOUGHT HMG

WOULD BE MILDLY FAVORABLE PROVIDED US WERE ABLE TO FIT SUCH DISCUSSIONS INTO ITS BUSY SUMMER NEGOTIATING SCHEDULE.

3. IN SEPARATE APPROACH TO FLOWERREE, FRENCH NATO REP (GUELLEY) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES REGRETTED NOT HAVING BEEN ABLE TO SEND AN EXPERT TO POLADS MEETING BUT HOPED US WOULD CONTINUE CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH GOF ON CW INITIATIVE. HE THOUGHT VISIT OF US CW EXPERT TO PARIS FOLLOWING NEXT ROUND OF US-SOVIET BILATERALS WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED. FLOWERREE SAID HE WOULD BE PLEASED TO INFORM US AUTHORITIES OF CONTINUING FRENCH INTEREST IN CW CONSULTATIONS. BENNETT

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